

HOUSE RESOLUTION 174

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A RESOLUTION to elect Michael Dunavant to the nominating commission to select candidates for the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101, establishes a commission whose duty it is to nominate three candidates of experience and ability in the detection of crime, whenever the governor is called upon to appoint the director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI); and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-6-101, directs the Speaker of the House of Representatives to name two persons, one from each political party, to serve as members of the TBI nominating commission, such persons to be elected by resolution of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, House Speaker Cameron Sexton has nominated Michael Dunavant, Chief Investigative Counsel for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, to serve a six-year term of office as a Republican member of the TBI nominating commission; and

WHEREAS, prior to his current position with the Comptroller, Mr. Dunavant served with distinction as the United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee (2017-2021), the twice-elected District Attorney General for the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Tennessee (2006-2017), and a partner in the law firm of Carney, Wilder and Dunavant in Ripley (1995-2006); and

WHEREAS, a distinguished member of the bar who is admired and respected by his peers, Mr. Dunavant gives back to the legal profession as a member of the National Association of Former United States Attorneys; Federal Bar Association, Memphis Mid-South Chapter; and Federalist Society, Memphis and Nashville Lawyers Chapters; he formerly served as a Master of the Leo Bearman, Sr. Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and honors, Mr. Dunavant has received the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference's Patrick H. McCutchen Award and Paul Phillips Award, Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Hometown Hero Award, Shelby County Juvenile Ceasefire Program Volunteer of the Year Award, and FBI Memphis Citizens Academy Award; he was named a Fellow of the Tennessee Bar Foundation in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunavant received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree with honors from the University of Mississippi School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Michael Dunavant is a man of integrity and an active citizen who has always sought to serve the common good; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this body elects Michael Dunavant to serve a six-year term of office as a member of the TBI nominating commission, such term to commence immediately and to expire on January 1, 2028.